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Applicant	:	Jorg Hinrich Fechner et al	
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Title	:	ANTIMICROBIAL GLASS SURFACES OF GLASS POWDERS	
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ELECTION

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated August 6, 2008.

Applicant hereby elects the Group I invention, namely, Claims 1-6. Such election is made without prejudice to Applicants' right to file divisional applications for the non-elected claims and without prejudice to rejoin some or all of the non-elected claims if appropriate.

REMARKS

With regard to the Examiner's statements regarding JP 08012512, it is noted that this reference is directed to an antimicrobial glass which is described as a soluble glass, whereas Claims 1-6 of the present invention are directed to a water-insoluble antimicrobial silicate glass powder. With regard to Bellantone et al, it appears that this is also a soluble glass because of the description of certain dissolution profiles, especially of  $\text{Ag}^+$  ions, to determine the antimicrobial properties.